

ADAMS COUNTY
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADAMS

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

MANUEL * ARGOMANIZ-CAMARGO

Defendant.

) NO.

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) AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

) (ADPC)

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STATEMENT OF ARRESTING OFFICER AND PRELIMINARY FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

ADAMS CO. PROSECUTOR
STATE OF WASHINGTON
RITZVILLE OFFICE

NO. _____

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COUNTY OF ADAMS)

COMES NOW _____ Sergeant B. K. Taylor/ Detective Hampton, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AND STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON WAS ARRESTED BY THIS OFFICER AT THE FOLLOWING TIME AND PLACE:

NAME	Argomaniz-Camargo, Manuel	DOB	04/06/82	SEX	M	RACE	H
INCIDENT #	16-A00646	DATE	03/01/16	TIME	0239	PLACE	WB I90 Near MP 202, Ritzville, Adams County WA

LISTED BOOKING CHARGES:

1. 9A.32.030 Murder 1st degree
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL WAS ARRESTED FOR THE LISTED CHARGES BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES: (DESCRIBE BRIEFLY)

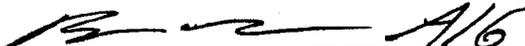
03/01/16 at 0257 hours, I received a phone call from dispatch advising of a homicide on I90 near milepost 201. Deputy J. Lane and Trooper D. Burt were already on scene and asking for assistance.

I arrived on scene at 0348 hours. Deputy Lane and Trooper Burt were parked on westbound I90 just east of milepost 202. On the north shoulder near where the patrol cars were parked were two yellow blankets. I was told the blanket was covering blood drops, a black duffle bag, and a pair of cowboy boots. Farther west, and west of milepost 202 was a dark colored vehicle parked on the north shoulder.

I was advised a male subject had been located walking eastbound on the north shoulder near milepost 203. The male subject was later identified as Argomaniz-Camargo, Manuel DOB: 04/06/82. The male subject was carrying a small child at the time he was contacted by law enforcement. When ordered to raise his hands, Argomaniz put the child down, and the child ran to Trooper Burt. Argomaniz took off his jacket, and he wasn't wearing a shirt. The temperature this morning was in the low 30's, there was a brisk wind, and a light rain fall. Argomaniz was wearing socks, but no shoes. His hands were covered with blood. At the time of my arrival, Argomaniz was in the back seat of Trooper Burt's patrol car.

We walked west toward the vehicle. I noticed drops of blood along the north shoulder leading toward the vehicle. The vehicle had Illinois license R742918. It was a dark colored, older, Ford SUV. The rear hatch was open, and several items had spilled out onto the pavement. The Ford was parked north of the fog line.

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Next the left rear tire was a body covered by a blanket. Deputy Lane told me the EMT's had placed the blanket over the body. The head of the body was near the left rear tire, and her feet were to the south, and covering the lane of travel. The female was later identified as Ana Veronica Montelongo Garcia, DOB: 06/22/91.

I removed the blanket. Garcia was not wearing a shirt, and her bra was pulled down below her breasts. Sticking out from her right breast area was a screwdriver. Her left hand was extended above her head and exposing the side of her upper torso. I noticed several stab wounds below the left armpit. Her right eye was completely swollen shut, and there was an indentation near the bridge of her nose and to the left eye. It appeared she had been struck with a heavy, blunt object. Under her right shoulder, a hammer was visible.

Around her right hand was electrical tape.

Garcia was wearing a pair of gray sweatpants. The pants were pulled down near her ankles. She did not appear to have been wearing underwear, and she had on only one shoe.

Next to Garcia's head was the gas cap. The gas door was open, and a rag had been inserted into the fill spout, and had been lit on fire.

The driver's door was closed when I arrived, and I noticed the window had been broken out. When the body was examined during daylight, I noticed several pieces of broken glass on Garcia's leg and torso. When the body was moved, a set of car keys was located under her hair. I noticed one of the keys was a Ford key.

Along the front of the car, drag marks were located leading from the shoulder and south onto the paved surface. The drag marks looked as they were caused by someone's feet being drug in the gravel.

We returned to Trooper Burt's patrol car. When I opened the door, Argomaniz' hands were cuffed behind his back. I noticed both hands were covered with dried blood as was the back of the seat. I noticed there was a cut on his index finger, but it was not bleeding. I spoke with Argomaniz. I asked him asked him identifying questions in English, and he was able to answer most of my questions in broken English. When it appeared he did not understand my question, Deputy J. Garcia asked in Spanish. Argomaniz was able to spell his name and provide his date of birth. He told me the child's name is Argomaniz, Hector Manuel and date of birth as 02/01/13. He stated the female's name is Ana Veronica Montelongo Garcia DOB: 06/22/91. He told me Garcia and he are not married but the he is the father and Garcia is the mother of Hector. Argomaniz was not wearing a shirt, and was noticeably shaking from the cold, and he had goose bumps.

Because of the rain, I drove to where Argomaniz was detained by law enforcement. This was approximately two hundred feet east of milepost 203. On the shoulder I noticed a black, leather jacket with blood on it, a large crayon, and a folded cell phone cover. I opened the cover, and there was no cell phone, but there was identification and credit cards belonging to Argomaniz. Photos were taken of the

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items before they were collected. After I collected the items, I used orange spray paint to mark where the items were located. The distance from these items to the vehicle was approximately 1.25 miles.

The WSP Crime Scene Response Team (CRST) was called to process the scene. They had located a substantial amount of crystal substance on the pavement near the rear cargo area. This substance tested positive for amphetamines. A search was done of the black duffle bag that was found on the shoulder near where the patrol cars were parked. The search revealed a plastic container with the lid sealed with blue painter's tape. This container was filled with a crystal substance similar to the substance found near the car.

Once the CSRT had completed processing the scene, we picked up the items that had spilled out of the cargo area. Among the items were a carpenter's tool belt, nails, screws, drill, and other items used for building. The car was towed to the Ritzville Sheriff's Office and was secured in the basement for a thorough search the following day.

At approximately 1537 hours, Detective Hampton and Undersheriff Coronado interviewed Argomaniz. Argomaniz described a history of non-physical altercations with Garcia. Argomaniz advised living in Chicago since Garcia was three months pregnant with their son, Hector. Argomaniz advised he worked construction in Chicago but didn't know the name of the company. Argomaniz advised of Garcia's mother constantly causing problems between the two of them as she didn't like Argomaniz.

Argomaniz advised Garcia, Hector and himself left Chicago late Saturday night/ early Sunday morning (02-27-16 to 02-28-16) and were in Wisconsin by 0600 hours on Sunday. Argomaniz advised there was a pound of "crystal" in the vehicle which he got from a friend and intended to sell in Washington for money for a home. Argomaniz admitted to snorting "crystal" and cocaine to help stay awake and be able to drive straight through from Chicago to Washington.

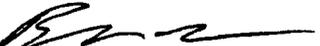
Argomaniz advised during the trip he told Garcia to sleep and she didn't which made him nervous and the drugs were making him feel weird. Argomaniz described being paranoid and thinking everyone was a policeman. Argomaniz advised his vehicle broke down in Montana and Garcia's mother came to assist them and afterwards they travelled behind Garcia's mother. Argomaniz described different things happening with the vehicle and Garcia being a witch and controlling various mechanical functions on the vehicle with her hands, feet and a chip in her mouth.

Argomaniz stated they were following Garcia's mother and two cars came up behind him and were following him and Garcia's mother wouldn't let him pass and was just circling the area and not going to Moses Lake. Argomaniz told Garcia he was going to ram her mother's vehicle but instead was able to pass her and then proceeded to drive in circles to try and loose Garcia's mother and the other two cars.

Argomaniz referenced an accident happening several times and stated he was drowned in anger.

Argomaniz stated he stopped the vehicle and opened the (passenger) side door and pushed Garcia out and told her to calm down and call her mom. Garcia re-entered the vehicle. Argomaniz described grabbing Garcia by the hair and moving her head towards the driver seat and yelling at her about

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wanting to kill them, as she was doing witch craft to the vehicle. Argomaniz described Garcia removing a folding pocket knife from the center console and slicing his finger with it.

Argomaniz stated the two continued to fight until Garcia advised she regretted ever having that little shit (referencing Hector). Argomaniz stated he started stabbing her with the blade he took from her. The two were outside the vehicle at this time and Argomaniz couldn't find the keys and the vehicle was still running. Argomaniz described using a framing hammer recovered from the rear of the vehicle (later described as having a wooden handle) and breaking the driver's side window out of the vehicle. Argomaniz advised Garcia was still trying to get their son and he hit her with the hammer and when asked where, he pointed to his right cheek bone.

Garcia was lying on the ground and Argomaniz took off his belt (later described at brown with red diamonds and black trim) and placing it on her neck and dragging her to the driver side so his son wouldn't see her body. Argomaniz advised his son saw him hitting Garcia. Argomaniz advised Hector stated, 'mommy, daddies not good' and he then hit Garcia with the hammer several more times.

Argomaniz described wrapping his son in a blanket and stated he grabbed the wrong bag so he just dropped it and kicked off his boots. Argomaniz walked down the roadway until confronted by law enforcement. Argomaniz stated he'll never regret the things he said to Garcia because of the things she said to him and he just wanted to be with his son.

Argomaniz advised he tried to tape Garcia to the wheel with black electrical tape and was going to place a rock on the gas pedal to have her drive off; however, she was too bloody for the tape to grip. This was also when her clothing was removed as he was trying to handle her and she kept slipping and the clothing was coming off.

Argomaniz mentioned the following events during the interview but wasn't clear on their exact chronological order.

Argomaniz described at one point taking the crystal and putting it in Garcia's mouth and screaming at her to eat it and ripping the package open out of anger. Argomaniz also stated he was going to burn the truck and put a shirt in the gas tank and lit it with a lighter but it wouldn't burn and later stated he had used a screwdriver to shove the shirt in the vehicle and then stabbed Garcia with that screwdriver, one or two times in the chest but stated she was already dead at that time. Argomaniz stated he stabbed Garcia in the neck with the screwdriver too.

Argomaniz stated Garcia told him at the end that she forgave him and to take care of his son and take advantage of having his son. Argomaniz stated he yelled at Garcia during the fight, why you bring him into this world and you're going to die bitch.

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION				
BAIL (AMOUNT):	No bail	PR:	No	
GANG AFFILIATED	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

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